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In re application of: Michel F. Lévesque and Toomas Neuman  
Serial No. 09/545,428  
Filed: April 7, 2000  
For: **TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF TRANSFECTED EPIDERMAL  
BASAL CELLS INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL  
CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND  
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By <u>ANN WEISS</u>	<u>July 7, 2000</u> (DATE OF SIGNATURE)

Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney submits herewith the full text of literature of which he is aware, that he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

U. S. Patent No. 6,087,168 has been cited on the PTO Form 1449.

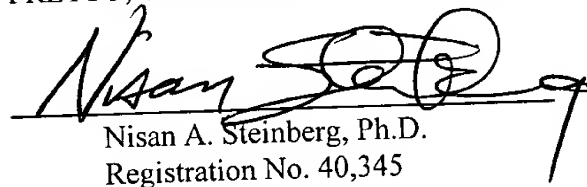
However, a copy of this patent has not been provided herewith because Applicant has been informed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office that it is scheduled to issue on July 11, 2000, after the mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement. As soon as we receive a copy of the patent, it will be submitted to the USPTO for consideration in the above-referenced application.

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It is believed that this information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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